

Health Facilities and Services Review Board

2013 Proposed Legislative Initiatives

Note: Please consider this document as a guide for discussion

1. The Health Facilities and Services Review Board (Board) proposes amending the Health Facilities Planning Act (Act) to add language requiring facilities licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act to obtain an exemption prior to a change of ownership; and obtain a certificate of need (CON) prior to the discontinuation of a facility.
2. The Board would also like to address the over-bedding issue in the State of Illinois and is proposing to add language in the Act for the removal of under-utilized long-term care beds from the bed inventory based on historical bed use data. The under-utilized beds would be identified in existing facilities based on the data reported in the annual facility questionnaires for the past 2 years. The number of bed licenses would be removed from a facility in order for facilities to reach the target utilization rate of 90%, as established pursuant to Section 1125.210(c) in the Board's rules.